



Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities (*)

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1. – Text of the Treaty

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG, HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS,

HAVING regard to Article 96 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community,

HAVING regard to Article 236 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

HAVING regard to Article 204 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

RESOLVED to continue along the road to European unity,

RESOLVED to effect the unification of the three Communities,

MINDFUL of the contribution which the creation of single Community institutions represents for such unification,

HAVE DECIDED to create a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS:

Mr Paul Henri SPAAK, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY :

Mr Kurt SCHMŠCKER, Minister for Economic Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC:

Mr Maurice COUVE DE MURVILLE, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC:

Mr Amintore FANFANI, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG:

Mr Pierre WERNER, President of the Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS:

Mr J. M. A. H. LUNS, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

WHO, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows.

CHAPTER I

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 1

A Council of the European Communities (hereinafter called the 'Council') is hereby established. This Council shall take the place of the Special Council of Ministers of the European Coal and Steel Community, the Council of the European Economic Community and the Council of the European Atomic Energy Community.

It shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred on those institutions in accordance with the provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, the

European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, and of this Treaty.

Article 8

(For the record) ()**

*(**) Amendments made by this Article are incorporated in the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community.*

CHAPTER II

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 9

A Commission of the European Communities (hereinafter called the 'Commission') is hereby established. This Commission shall take the place of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, the Commission of the European Economic Community and the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community.

It shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred on those institutions in accordance with the provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, and of this Treaty.

Articles 10 to 19

(Repealed) (*)

() See Article P(1) TEU.*

CHAPTER III

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 20

1. The administrative expenditure of the European Coal and Steel Community and the revenue relating thereto, the revenue and expenditure of the European Economic Community, and the revenue and expenditure of the European Atomic Energy Community, with the exception of that of the Supply Agency and the Joint Undertakings, shall be shown in the budget of the European Communities in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Treaties establishing the three Communities. This budget, which shall be in balance as to revenue and expenditure, shall take the place of the administrative budget of the European Coal and Steel Community, the budget of the European Economic Community and the operating budget and research and investment budget of the European Atomic Energy Community. (*)

() Paragraph 1 as amended by Article 10 of the Treaty amending Certain Budgetary Provisions.*

2. The portion of the expenditure covered by the levies provided for in Article 49 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community shall be fixed at 18 million units of account.

As from the financial year beginning 1 January 1967, the Commission shall submit annually to the Council a report on the basis of which the Council shall examine whether there is reason to adjust this figure to changes in the budget of the Communities. The Council shall act by the

majority laid down in the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of Article 28 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community. The adjustment shall be made on the basis of an assessment of developments in expenditure arising from the application of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community.

3. The portion of the levies assigned to cover expenditure under the budget of the Communities shall be allocated by the Commission for the implementation of that budget in accordance with the timetable provided for in the financial regulations adopted pursuant to Article 209(b) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Article 183(b) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community relating to the methods and procedure whereby the contributions of the Member States shall be made available.

Article 21

(For the record) (*)

() The amendments made by this Article are incorporated in the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community.*

Article 22 ()**

*(**) As amended by Article 27 of the Treaty amending Certain Financial Provisions.*

1. The powers and jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Auditors established by Article 78e of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, by Article 206 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and by Article 180 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community shall be exercised in accordance with those Treaties by a single Court of Auditors of the European Communities constituted as provided in these Articles.

2. Without prejudice to the powers and jurisdiction referred to in paragraph 1, the Court of Auditors of the European Communities shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred, before the entry into force of this Treaty, upon the Audit Board of the European Communities and upon the Auditor of the European Coal and Steel Community under the conditions laid down in the various instruments referring to the Audit Board and to the Auditor. In all these instruments the words 'Audit Board' and 'Auditors' shall be replaced by the words 'Court of Auditors'.

Article 23

Article 6 of the Convention on certain institutions common to the European Communities is repealed.

CHAPTER IV

OFFICIALS AND OTHER SERVANTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 24

1. The officials and other servants of the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community shall, at the date of entry into force of this Treaty, become officials and other servants of the European Communities and form part of the single administration of those Communities.

The Council shall, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the other institutions concerned, lay down the Staff Regulations of officials of the

European Communities and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of those Communities.

2. The third paragraph of Article 7 of the Convention on the Transitional Provisions annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Article 212 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Article 186 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community are repealed.

Article 25

Until the uniform Staff Regulations and Conditions of Employment provided for in Article 24 and the Protocol annexed to this Treaty enter into force, officials and other servants recruited before the date of entry into force of this Treaty shall continue to be governed by the provisions which were until then applicable to them.

Officials and other servants recruited on or after the date of entry into force of this Treaty shall, pending the adoption of the uniform Staff Regulations and Conditions of Employment provided for in Article 24 and of regulations to be made pursuant to Article 13 of the Protocol annexed to this Treaty, be governed by the provisions applicable to officials and other servants of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community.

Article 26

The second paragraph of Article 40 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

'The Court shall also have jurisdiction to order the Community to make good any injury caused by a personal wrong by a servant of the Community in the performance of his duties. The personal liability of its servants towards the Community shall be governed by the provisions laid down in their Staff Regulations or the Conditions of Employment applicable to them.'

CHAPTER V

GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 27

1. The first paragraph of Article 22 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, the first paragraph of Article 139 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and the first paragraph of Article 109 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community are repealed and the following substituted therefor:

'The European Parliament shall hold an annual session. It shall meet, without requiring to be convened, on the second Tuesday in March.'

2. The second paragraph of Article 24 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

'If a motion of censure on the activities of the High Authority is tabled before it, the European Parliament shall not vote thereon until at least three days after the motion has been tabled and only by open vote.'

Article 28

The European Communities shall enjoy in the territories of the Member States such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the performance of their tasks, under the conditions laid

down in the Protocol annexed to this Treaty. The same shall apply to the European Investment Bank.

Article 76 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Article 218 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Article 191 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community; the Protocols on privileges and immunities annexed to these three Treaties; the fourth paragraph of Article 3 and the second paragraph of Article 14 of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community; and the second subparagraph of Article 28(1) of the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community are repealed.

Article 29

The jurisdiction conferred upon the Council by Articles 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 24, 34 and 35 of this Treaty and by the Protocol annexed thereto shall be exercised according to the rules laid down in Articles 148, 149 and 150 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Articles 118, 119 and 120 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community.

Article 30

The provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community relating to the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice and to the exercise of that jurisdiction shall be applicable to the provisions of this Treaty and of the Protocol annexed thereto, with the exception of those which represent amendments to Articles of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, in respect of which the provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community shall remain applicable.

Article 31

The Council shall take up its duties on the date of entry into force of this Treaty.

On that date the office of President of the Council shall be held by the member of the Council who, in accordance with the rules laid down in the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, was to take up the office of President of the Council of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community; this will apply for the remainder of his term of office. On expiry of this term, the office of President shall then be held in the order of Member States laid down in Article 2 of this Treaty.

Article 32

1. Until the date of entry into force of the Treaty establishing a Single European Community, or until three years after the appointment of its members, whichever is the earlier, the Commission shall consist of 14 Members.

During this period, not more than three Members may have the nationality of the same State.

2. The President, the Vice President and the Members of the Commission shall be appointed upon the entry into force of this Treaty. The Commission shall take up its duties on the fifth day after the appointment of its Members. The term of office of the Members of the High Authority and of the Commission of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community shall end at the same time.

Article 33

The term of office of the Members of the Commission provided for in Article 32 shall expire on the date determined by Article 32(1). The Members of the Commission provided for in Article 10 shall be appointed one month before that date at the latest.

If any or all of these appointments are not made within the required time, the provisions of the third paragraph of Article 12 shall not be applicable to that Member who, among the nationals of each State, has least seniority as a Member of a Commission or of the High Authority or, where two or more Members have the same seniority, to the youngest of them. The provisions of the third paragraph of Article 12 shall remain applicable, however, to all Members of the same nationality, where, before the date determined by Article 32(1), a Member of that nationality has ceased to hold office and has been replaced.

Article 34

The Council shall, acting unanimously, make financial arrangements for past Members of the High Authority and of the Commissions of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community who, having ceased to hold office in pursuance of Article 32, have not been appointed Members of the Commission.

Article 35

1. The first budget of the Communities shall be established and adopted for the financial year beginning 1 January following the entry into force of this Treaty.

2. If this Treaty enters into force before 1 July 1965, the general estimates of the administrative expenditure of the European Coal and Steel Community which expire on 1 July shall be extended until 31 December of the same year; the appropriations made in these estimates shall be proportionately increased, unless the Council, acting by a qualified majority, decides otherwise.

If this Treaty enters into force after 20 June 1965, the Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, take the appropriate decisions, taking account of the need to ensure that the Communities function smoothly and that the first budget of the Communities is adopted at as early a date as possible.

Article 36

The chairman and members of the Audit Board of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community shall take up the duties of chairman and members of the Audit Board of the European Communities upon the entry into force of this Treaty and for the remainder of their former term of office.

The Auditor who, until the entry into force of this Treaty, is performing his duties pursuant to Article 78 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community shall take up the duties of the Auditor provided for in Article 78e of that Treaty for the remainder of his former term of office. (*)

(*) See Article 22 above.

Article 37

Without prejudice to the application of Article 77 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Article 216 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, Article 189 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and the second paragraph of Article 1 of the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States shall by common accord lay down the provisions required in order to settle certain problems peculiar to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg which arise out of the creation of a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities.

The decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States shall enter into force on the same date as this Treaty.

Article 38

This Treaty shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of the Italian Republic.

This Treaty shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the deposit of the instrument of ratification by the last signatory State to take this step.

Article 39

This Treaty, drawn up in a single original in the Dutch, French, German and Italian languages, all four texts being equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the Italian Republic, which shall transmit a certified copy to each of the governments of the other signatory States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Treaty.

Done at Brussels this eighth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty five.

Pour Sa Majest, le roi des Belges

Voor Zijne Majesteit de Koning der Belgen

Paul Henri SPAAK

Für den Präsidenten der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Kurt SCHMŠCKER

Pour le président de la République française

Maurice COUVE DE MURVILLE

Per il Presidente della Repubblica italiana

Amintore FANFANI

Pour Son Altesse Royale le grand duc de Luxembourg

Pierre WERNER

Voor Hare Majesteit de Koningin der Nederlanden

J. M. A. H. LUNS

2. PROTOCOL ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

CONSIDERING that, in accordance with Article 28 of the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities, these Communities and the European Investment Bank shall enjoy in the territories of the Member States such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the performance of their tasks,

HAVE AGREED upon the following provisions, which shall be annexed to this Treaty.

CHAPTER I

PROPERTY, FUNDS, ASSETS AND OPERATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 1

The premises and buildings of the Communities shall be inviolable. They shall be exempt from search, requisition, confiscation or expropriation. The property and assets of the Communities shall not be the subject of any administrative or legal measure of constraint without the authorization of the Court of Justice.

Article 2

The archives of the Communities shall be inviolable.

Article 3

The Communities, their assets, revenues and other property shall be exempt from all direct taxes.

The governments of the Member States shall, wherever possible, take the appropriate measures to remit or refund the amount of indirect taxes or sales taxes included in the price of movable or immovable property, where the Communities make, for their official use, substantial purchases the price of which includes taxes of this kind. These provisions shall not be applied, however, so as to have the effect of distorting competition within the Communities.

No exemption shall be granted in respect of taxes and dues which amount merely to charges for public utility services.

Article 4

The Communities shall be exempt from all customs duties, prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles intended for their official use: articles so imported shall not be disposed of, whether or not in return for payment, in the territory of the country into which they have been imported, except under conditions approved by the government of that country.

The Communities shall also be exempt from any customs duties and any prohibitions and restrictions on import and exports in respect of their publications.

Article 5

The European Coal and Steel Community may hold currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency.

CHAPTER II

COMMUNICATIONS AND LAISSEZ PASSER

Article 6

For their official communications and the transmission of all their documents, the institutions of the Communities shall enjoy in the territory of each Member State the treatment accorded by that State to diplomatic missions.

Official correspondence and other official communications of the institutions of the Communities shall not be subject to censorship.

Article 7

1. Laissez passer in a form to be prescribed by the Council, which shall be recognized as valid travel documents by the authorities of the Member States, may be issued to members and servants of the institutions of the Communities by the Presidents of these institutions. These laissez passer shall be issued to officials and other servants under conditions laid down in the Staff Regulations of officials and the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the Communities.

The Commission may conclude agreements for these laissez passer to be recognized as valid travel documents within the territory of third countries.

2. The provisions of Article 6 of the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Coal and Steel Community shall, however, remain applicable to members and servants of the institutions who are at the date of entry into force of this Treaty in possession of the laissez passer provided for in that Article, until the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article are applied.

CHAPTER III

MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 8

No administrative or other restriction shall be imposed on the free movement of Members of the European Parliament travelling to or from the place of meeting of the European Parliament.

Members of the European Parliament shall, in respect of customs and exchange control, be accorded:

- a. by their own government, the same facilities as those accorded to senior officials travelling abroad on temporary official missions;
- b. by the government of other Member States, the same facilities as those accorded to representatives of foreign governments on temporary official missions.

Article 9

Members of the European Parliament shall not be subject to any form of inquiry, detention or legal proceedings in respect of opinions expressed or votes cast by them in the performance of their duties.

Article 10

During the sessions of the European Parliament, its Members shall enjoy:

- a. in the territory of their own State, the immunities accorded to members of their parliament;

- b. in the territory of any other Member State, immunity from any measure of detention and from legal proceedings.

Immunity shall likewise apply to Members while they are travelling to and from the place of meeting of the European Parliament.

Immunity cannot be claimed when a Member is found in the act of committing an offence and shall not prevent the European Parliament from exercising its right to waive the immunity of one of its Members.

CHAPTER IV

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES TAKING PART IN THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 11

Representatives of Member States taking part in the work of the institutions of the Communities, their advisers and technical experts shall, in the performance of their duties and during their travel to and from the place of meeting, enjoy the customary privileges, immunities and facilities.

This Article shall also apply to members of the advisory bodies of the Communities.

CHAPTER V

OFFICIALS AND OTHER SERVANTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 12

In the territory of each Member State and whatever their nationality, officials and other servants of the Communities shall:

- a. subject to the provisions of the Treaties relating, on the one hand, to the rules on the liability of officials and other servants towards the Communities and, on the other hand, to the jurisdiction of the Court in disputes between the Communities and their officials and other servants, be immune from legal proceedings in respect of acts performed by them in their official capacity, including their words spoken or written. They shall continue to enjoy this immunity after they have ceased to hold office;
- b. together with their spouses and dependent members of their families, not be subject to immigration restrictions or to formalities for the registration of aliens;
- c. in respect of currency or exchange regulations, be accorded the same facilities as are customarily accorded to officials of international organizations;
- d. enjoy the right to import free of duty their furniture and effects at the time of first taking up their post in the country concerned, and the right to re export free of duty their furniture and effects, on termination of their duties in that country, subject in either case to the conditions considered to be necessary by the government of the country in which this right is exercised;
- e. have the right to import free of duty a motor car for their personal use, acquired either in the country of their last residence or in the country of which they are nationals on the terms ruling in the home market in that country, and to re export it free of duty, subject in either case to the conditions considered to be necessary by the government of the country concerned.

Article 13

Officials and other servants of the Communities shall be liable to a tax for the benefit of the Communities on salaries, wages and emoluments paid to them by the Communities, in accordance with the conditions and procedure laid down by the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission.

They shall be exempt from national taxes on salaries, wages and emoluments paid by the Communities.

Article 14

In the application of income tax, wealth tax and death duties and in the application of conventions on the avoidance of double taxation concluded between Member States of the Communities, officials and other servants of the Communities who, solely by reason of the performance of their duties in the service of the Communities, establish their residence in the territory of a Member State other than their country of domicile for tax purposes at the time of entering the service of the Communities, shall be considered, both in the country of their actual residence and in the country of domicile for tax purposes, as having maintained their domicile in the latter country provided that it is a member of the Communities. This provision shall also apply to a spouse, to the extent that the latter is not separately engaged in a gainful occupation, and to children dependent on and in the care of the persons referred to in this Article.

Movable property belonging to persons referred to in the preceding paragraph and situated in the territory of the country where they are staying shall be exempt from death duties in that country; such property shall, for the assessment of such duty, be considered as being in the country of domicile for tax purposes, subject to the rights of third countries and to the possible application of provisions of international conventions on double taxation.

Any domicile acquired solely by reason of the performance of duties in the service of other international organizations shall not be taken into consideration in applying the provisions of this Article.

Article 15

The Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, lay down the scheme of social security benefits for officials and other servants of the Communities.

Article 16

The Council shall, acting on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the other institutions concerned, determine the categories of officials and other servants of the Communities to whom the provisions of Article 12, the second paragraph of Article 13, and Article 14 shall apply, in whole or in part.

The names, grades and addresses of officials and other servants included in such categories shall be communicated periodically to the governments of the Member States.

CHAPTER VI

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF MISSIONS OF THIRD COUNTRIES ACCREDITED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Article 17

The Member State in whose territory the Communities have their seat shall accord the customary diplomatic immunities and privileges to missions of third countries accredited to the Communities.

CHAPTER VII
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 18

Privileges, immunities and facilities shall be accorded to officials and other servants of the Communities solely in the interests of the Communities.

Each institution of the Communities shall be required to waive the immunity accorded to an official or other servant wherever that institution considers that the waiver of such immunity is not contrary to the interests of the Communities.

Article 19

The institutions of the Communities shall, for the purpose of applying this Protocol, cooperate with the responsible authorities of the Member States concerned.

Article 20

Articles 12 to 15 and Article 18 shall apply to Members of the Commission.

Article 21

Articles 12 to 15 and Article 18 shall apply to the Judges, the Advocates General, the Registrar and the Assistant Rapporteurs of the Court of Justice, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3 of the Protocols on the Statute of the Court of Justice concerning immunity from legal proceedings of Judges and Advocates General.

Article 22

This Protocol shall also apply to the European Investment Bank, to the members of its organs, to its staff and to the representatives of the Member States taking part in its activities, without prejudice to the provisions of the Protocol on the Statute of the Bank.

The European Investment Bank shall in addition be exempt from any form of taxation or imposition of a like nature on the occasion of any increase in its capital and from the various formalities which may be connected therewith in the State where the Bank has its seat. Similarly, its dissolution or liquidation shall not give rise to any imposition. Finally, the activities of the Bank and of its organs carried on in accordance with its Statute shall not be subject to any turnover tax.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Protocol.

Done at Brussels this eighth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty five.

Paul Henri SPAAK

Kurt SCHMÜCKER

Maurice COUVE DE MURVILLE

Amintore FANFANI

Pierre WERNER

J. M. A. H. LUNS

3. Final Act

THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES

of His Majesty the King of the Belgians, the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, the President of the French Republic, the President of the Italian Republic, His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands,

Assembled at Brussels on 8 April 1965 for the signature of the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities,

HAVE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING TEXTS:

The Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities,

The Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Communities.

At the time of signature of these texts, the Plenipotentiaries have:

- assigned to the Commission of the European Communities the task set out in Annex I; and
- taken note of the Declaration by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany set out in Annex II.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Final Act.

Done at Brussels this eighth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty five.

Paul Henri SPAAK

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4. Annexes

ANNEX I

TASK ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The Commission of the European Communities shall, within the framework of its responsibilities, have the task of taking the necessary steps to rationalize its departments within a reasonable and relatively short period of time not exceeding one year. To this end, the Commission may seek all appropriate opinions. To enable the Council to follow the progress of this operation, the Commission is requested to report periodically to the Council.

ANNEX II

DECLARATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

on the application to Berlin of the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities and of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany reserves the right to declare, when depositing its instrument of ratification, that the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities and the Treaty establishing the Coal and Steel Community shall equally apply to Land Berlin.

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